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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Hiroyuki SHIMADA**
S.N. **10/678,994** Group No.: **1765**
Filed: **October 3, 2003** Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**
For: **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

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— NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION —

(check and complete this item, if applicable)

- I.** ☒ This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed from the patent office on December 30, 2003.

NOTE: If these papers are filed before the office letter issues, adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is enclosed.

NOTE: The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.

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Date: **February 4, 2004**

Signature

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DECLARATION OR OATH

- II. ☒ No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

NOTE: If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a nonprovisional application under § 1.53(b) without an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63, the later submission of an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63 during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(f)(1).

OR

- ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63:

"(1) name of inventor(s), and application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456);

"(2) name of inventor(s), serial number and filing date;

"(3) name of inventor(s) and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;

"(4) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and filing date;

"(5) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or

"(6) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration."

Notice of Jul. 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60); M.P.E.P. § 601.01(a), 6th ed., rev. 3.

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(c).

(complete (c) or (d), if applicable)

Attached is a

- (c) ☐ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☐ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto that were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.

AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS

III. ☐ Cancel claims _____ inclusive.

TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

IV. ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. Also submitted herewith is a statement by the translator of the accuracy of the translation. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

NOTE: For fee processing a non-English application, complete item VI(5) below.

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 C.F.R. § 1.69(b).

NOTE: The translation for a regular application filed in a foreign language must be verified. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

V. ☐ A statement that this filing is by a small entity
(check and complete applicable items)

☐ is attached.

☐ A separate refund request accompanies this paper.

☐ was filed on _____ (original).

COMPLETION FEES

VI.

WARNING: Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53.

1. Filing fee

☐ original patent application
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)--\$760.00; small entity--\$380.00) \$ _____

☐ design application
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f)--\$310.00; small entity--\$155.00) \$ _____

2. Fees for claims

☐ each independent claim in excess of 3
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)--\$78.00; small entity--\$39.00) \$ _____

☐ each claim in excess of 20
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)--\$18.00; small entity--\$9.00) \$ _____

☐ multiple dependent claim(s)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)--\$260.00; small entity--\$130.00) \$ _____

3. Surcharge fees

☐ late payment of filing fee
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)--\$130.00; small entity--\$65.00) \$ _____

and/or

☒ late filing of original declaration or oath
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)--\$130.00; small entity--\$65.00) \$ 130.00

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers, the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, only one surcharge fee for both need be paid. 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).

4. ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than
all the inventors or a person not the inventor
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(i) and 1.47--\$130.00) \$ _____

5. ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with
a specification in a non-English language
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)--\$130.00) \$ _____

6. ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.21(l) and 1.53(d)--\$130.00) \$ _____

7. ☒ Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".) \$ 40.00

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and this, as well as, the changes to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either

the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of § 1.21(l) within 1 year of notification under § 1.53(f) must be paid.

TOTAL COMPLETION FEES \$ 170.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

VII.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 380.00	\$190.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 870.00	\$435.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,360.00	\$680.00

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

VIII.

THE TOTAL FEE DUE IS

COMPLETION FEE(S) \$ 170.00

EXTENSION FEE (IF ANY) \$ _____

TOTAL FEE DUE \$ _____

PAYMENT OF FEES

IX.

☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 170.00.

☐ Charge Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____.
A duplicate of this request is attached.

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. § 1.22(b).

Please change Account No. 04-1105 for any fees which may be due by this paper.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

X.

WARNING: *Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.*

NOTE: "Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).

☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 04-1105.

☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)(extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a).
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)

NOTE: "A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

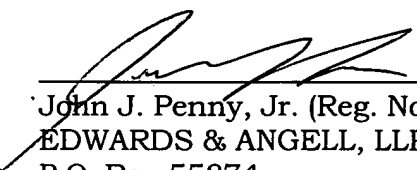
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee . . ." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

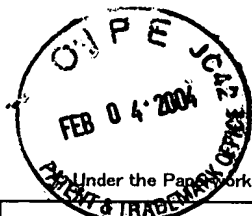
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Japanese Language Declaration

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下記の氏名の発明者として、私は以下の通り宣言します。

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

私の住所、私書箱、国籍は、下記の私の氏名の後に記載された通りです。

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

半導体装置の製造方法METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

上記発明の明細書（下記の欄で×印がついていない場合は、本書に添付）は、

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ 2003年10月3日に提出され、米国出願番号または特許協定条約 国際出願番号を 10/678,994 とし、（該当する場合） _____ に訂正されました。☒ was filed on October 3, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/678,994 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

私は、特許請求範囲を含む上記訂正後の明細書を検討し、内容を理解していることをここに表明します。

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

外国での先行出願

Priority Not Claimed

優先権主張なし

<u>2002-292277</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>04/October/2002</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	
(番号)	(国名)	(出願年月日)	
<u>2003-130757</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>08/May/2003</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	
(番号)	(国名)	(出願年月日)	

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

<u>(Application No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Application No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
(出願番号)	(出願日)	(出願番号)	(出願日)

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<u>(Application No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned)</u>
(出願番号)	(出願日)	(現況: 特許許可済、係属中、放棄済)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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